

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a violation of their right to use public airways free of charge.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One sided, smear campaign programs shown two weeks before an election have to potential to damage our democracy. As a parent and a grandparent, I am terribly concerned that a corporate giant like Sinclair Broadcasting can DICTATE to my local station what will or will not be shown. Unless Sinclair is willing to show competing viewpoints back-to-back, this type of programming should not be shown.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.